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**EXECUTIVE ORDER AUTHORIZING THE ILLINOIS NAVAL MILITIA**

**WHEREAS**, the Illinois Naval Militia, originally created by the Illinois General Assembly in 1893 was an authorized component of the Illinois State Military Department for ninety-five years, during which time the Illinois Naval Militia provided support to the State of Illinois. The Illinois Naval Militia ceased operations in 1988; and

**WHEREAS**, a State Naval Militia consisting of trained members of the United States Navy Reserve and/or United State Marine Corps Reserve, who by voluntary membership in the State Naval Militia create a pool of trained military maritime specialists within the State to assist in response to natural or manmade disasters, would provide the State with a valuable and ready resource; and

**WHEREAS**, the aftermath of September 11, Hurricane Katrina, and other natural or man-made disasters demonstrate the value of a State Naval Militia;

**THEREFORE**, I, Rod R. Blagojevich, pursuant to the powers vested in me by Article V, Sections 8 and 11 of the Illinois Constitution, I hereby order the following:

**I. AUTHORIZATION**

I hereby authorize the creation of the Illinois Naval Militia within the Department of Military Affairs.

**II. EFFECTIVE DATE**

This Executive Order shall be in full force and effect upon its filing with the Secretary of State.

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Rod R. Blagojevich, Governor